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LOPEZ PORTILLO

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FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF LOPEZ PORTILLO
REPLY TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER, DISCUSSED IN REFTEL.
BEGIN TEXT.

NATIONAL PALACE
MARCH 8, 1977

MR. JAMES E. CARTER
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

YOUR CORDIAL LETTER OF FEBRUARY 25 IMPRESSED ME VERY
FAVORABLY. YOUR SIMPLICITY, WARMTH AND DEPTH CONFIRMED
TO ME YOUR GREAT WORTH AS A HUMAN BEING AND STATESMAN.

CARMEN AND JOSE RAMON ASK ME TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP
THANKS TO YOU FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY THAT WE RECEIVED
FROM YOU AND ROSALIN(SIC) DURING OUR RECENT VISIT
TO WASHINGTON; IT WENT FAR BEYOND PROTOCOL. WE FEEL
THAT A REAL AFFECTION AND FRIENDSHIP NOW UNITE US.
MANY THANKS, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR YOUR TREATMENT AND
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YOUR KINDNESS.

I HAVE CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE AGENDA THAT YOU
PROPOSE TO US AS A RESULT OF OUR CONVERSATIONS. I
BELIEVE THAT IT COVERS THE MATTERS THAT REQUIRE
ATTENTION, JOINED AS THEY ARE IN A CONTEXT WHICH
MAKES THEM CONNECTED AND INTERDEPENDENT.

I SUGGEST THAT, AS WE AGREED, WE PUT INTO

OPERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE HIGH-LEVEL
WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER THE AGENDA, USING THE
METHODS AND WITH THE SCHEDULE THAT WILL SUIT THOSE
WHO COMPOSE THE GROUP ITSELF. ON OUR SIDE IT WILL
BE COORDINATED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RE-
LATIONS AND COMPOSED OF THE SECRETARIATS OF TREASURY,
PROGRAMMING, PATRIMONY AND COMMERCE.

IF ON YOUR PART YOU WOULD BE SO GOOD AS TO
DESIGNATE THE AGENCIES WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE JOINT
WORK, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SET A DATE SOON FOR
THE INITIAL MEETING.

IF YOU AGREE, SECRETARY ROEL WILL CONSULT WITH
SECRETARY VANCE ON THIS INITIAL STEP.

I THINK THAT IN THIS WAY WE CAN DEVELOP AND REACH
A RELATIONSHIP MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR OUR COUNTRIES.

I THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
THAT YOU OFFER ME TO PROVIDE, THROUGH FRIENDSHIP AND
A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP, ATTENTION TO THE MATTERS THAT
ARE OUR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES.

ACCEPT A CORDIAL EMBRACE OF FRIENDSHIP.

END TEXT.

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